

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 731

By Burchett

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the members of The Dead End Society Barbeque Team upon winning the Tennessee State championship at the eighteenth annual City of Cookeville Cook-off.

WHEREAS, the preparation of barbeque is a matter of intense competition and immense regional pride, and has inspired a great host of barbeque cook-offs across the nation; and

WHEREAS, one such spirited barbeque competition is the eighteenth annual City of Cookeville Cook-off, where the barbeque team, The Dead End Society, triumphed by winning the Tennessee State championship that is sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society; and

WHEREAS, the Knox County-based barbeque team defeated more than thirty other teams from eleven states to win the illustrious title; and

WHEREAS, the flavorful team is comprised of George Ewart, Greg Midis, and Larry Atchely, who named their team after the street where the team originated, the dead end street of West Summit Circle, where Mr. Ewart and Mr. Midis both reside; and

WHEREAS, George Ewart and Greg Midis have been cooking together since 2000 and started cooking competitively in 2002; Larry Atchely added spice to the team by joining in 2004; and

WHEREAS, the members of The Dead End Society Barbeque Team began perfecting their recipe for success in 2005 when they won the title of Grand Champions in the *Smokin' in the Smokies* local barbeque contest in Townsend, Tennessee, in addition to placing second in the ribs category as Team of the Year; and

WHEREAS, at the 2007 state championship, the team members turned up the heat by placing fourth in the chicken category, tenth in the ribs category, and fourth in brisket, all of which gave them enough total combined points to place first overall in the tasty competition,

where they had the distinction of being the only team to place in the top ten in all of the meat categories; and

WHEREAS, The Dead End Society barbeque team and its individual members excel at satisfying the gastronomical needs of this State's citizens, while also delighting their taste buds and are the foodstuffs of legend; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate the individual members of The Dead End Society barbeque team upon winning the Tennessee State Championship at the eighteenth annual City of Cookeville Cook-off, applaud their dedication to the competitive field of barbeque cooking, and wish the all the best in their future culinary endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.